

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0079] with the following amended paragraph:

[0079] First, in step S211, the first signature 11 (signature 0 in FIG. 1B) for the original image 12 is verified. Specifically, a hash value is generated for the original image 12 and the first signature 11 (signature 0 in FIG. 1B) is converted with a public key of the author of the original image to obtain an output value. When the hash value and the output value match, it is assured that the original image 12 is the original. Next, in step S212, the second signature 14 (signature 1 in FIG. 1B) for the history information 13 is verified. Specifically, a hash value is generated for the history information 13 and the second signature 14 (signature 1 in FIG. 1B) is converted with a public key of the author of the history information 13 to obtain an output value. When the hash value and the output value match, it is assured that the history information 13 is ~~the original~~ true.